

measurement obtained by an implanted cardiac pressure sensor. In both references, data is telemetered to a programmer. However, none of the cited references discloses a communication link between an information remote monitor (programmer) and a remote center over which corrected cardiac pressure data is transferred. With the claimed system, care providers at a remote location can monitor and manage patients with chronic disease. Such capability does not exist with the cited references. As pointed out, prior art methods, including Halperin and Taepke, of reviewing patient data and conducting clinical follow-ups on patients with implantable medical devices require a patient to go to a clinic or hospital. *not in clause or if*

Therefore, applicant submits that pending claims 8-22 are patentable over the cited references, either singly or in combination. Accordingly, applicant requests that a notice of allowance be issued in due course.

Respectfully submitted,

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